

In The Drawings

Corrections to the drawings are reflected on the attached copies of Figs. 3 and 5.

REMARKS

The Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed Aug. 25, 2005. Claims 1 – 8, and 20 – 23 were pending and the Office Action rejected all claims. Specifically, Claim 1 – 8 and 20 – 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being indefinite, and certain antecedent basis problems were noted. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 20 – 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Enomoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,974,401). Claims 3, 4, 7, and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Enomoto in view of Parulski et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,573,927). In addition, informalities were noted with respect to Figs. 3 and 5, and also with the Abstract.

In response, the Applicant has cancelled the pending claims and proposes herewith new claims 24 – 34, in order to overcome the 112 objections. The independent claims have also been amended to particularly point out that the present invention assigns a unique identification number to each “electronic device,” which is not disclosed by the prior art of record. Figs. 3 and 5 have been amended as requested, and a new Abstract has been provided.

As understood by the Applicant, the cited prior art does not register each electronic device with the print system by using a unique identification data associated with each electronic device. Enomoto fails to disclose storing a unique ID on an electronic device, and using the ID to register a user. In the “utilization file” of Parulski, there is apparently a “Consumer ID”, although this reference does not disclose how this ID code is generated or assigned. However, it does appear that the Consumer ID is associated with the consumer (i.e. user) and is not a unique identification data associated with each “electronic device” (i.e. digital camera) in the system.

As claimed in each of the present independent claims, the present invention registers each electronic device into the system by using a unique identification data that has been assigned to each electronic device (page 8, lines 7 – 18). In other words, if a user has three different cameras, each camera has a unique identification data associated with each camera. The user would then be associated to each unique identification data. In contrast, Parulski does not disclose that each camera has a unique identification data,

only that a user has a "Consumer ID." This is quite different. Moreover, if an individual utilized the system of Parulski with three different cameras, it is assumed that there would still be only one "Consumer ID." The disclosure of Parulski does not explicitly or inherently address this issue, and therefore does not support the rejection of the present claims, which specifically require the registration to be based upon a unique identification data associated with each electronic device.

It is now believed that the present claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below listed telephone number.


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Respectfully submitted,

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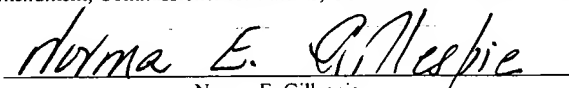

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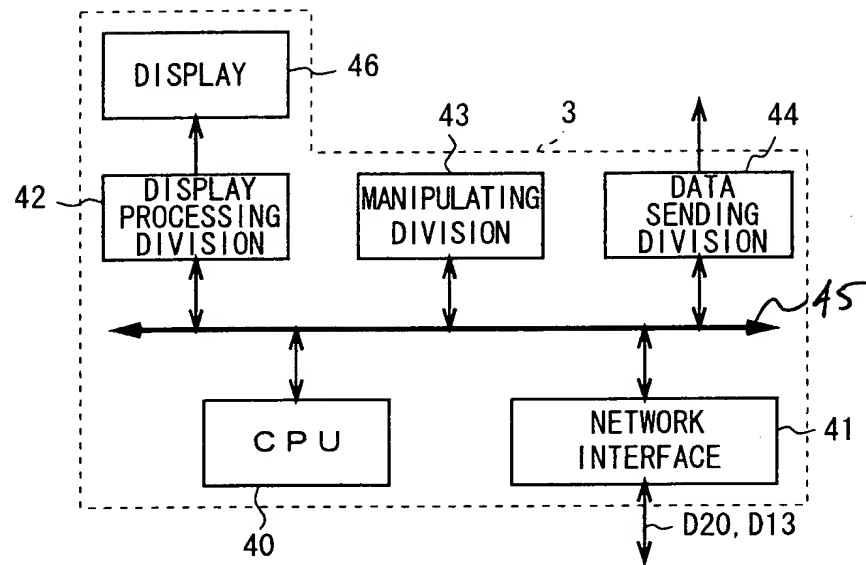


FIG.3

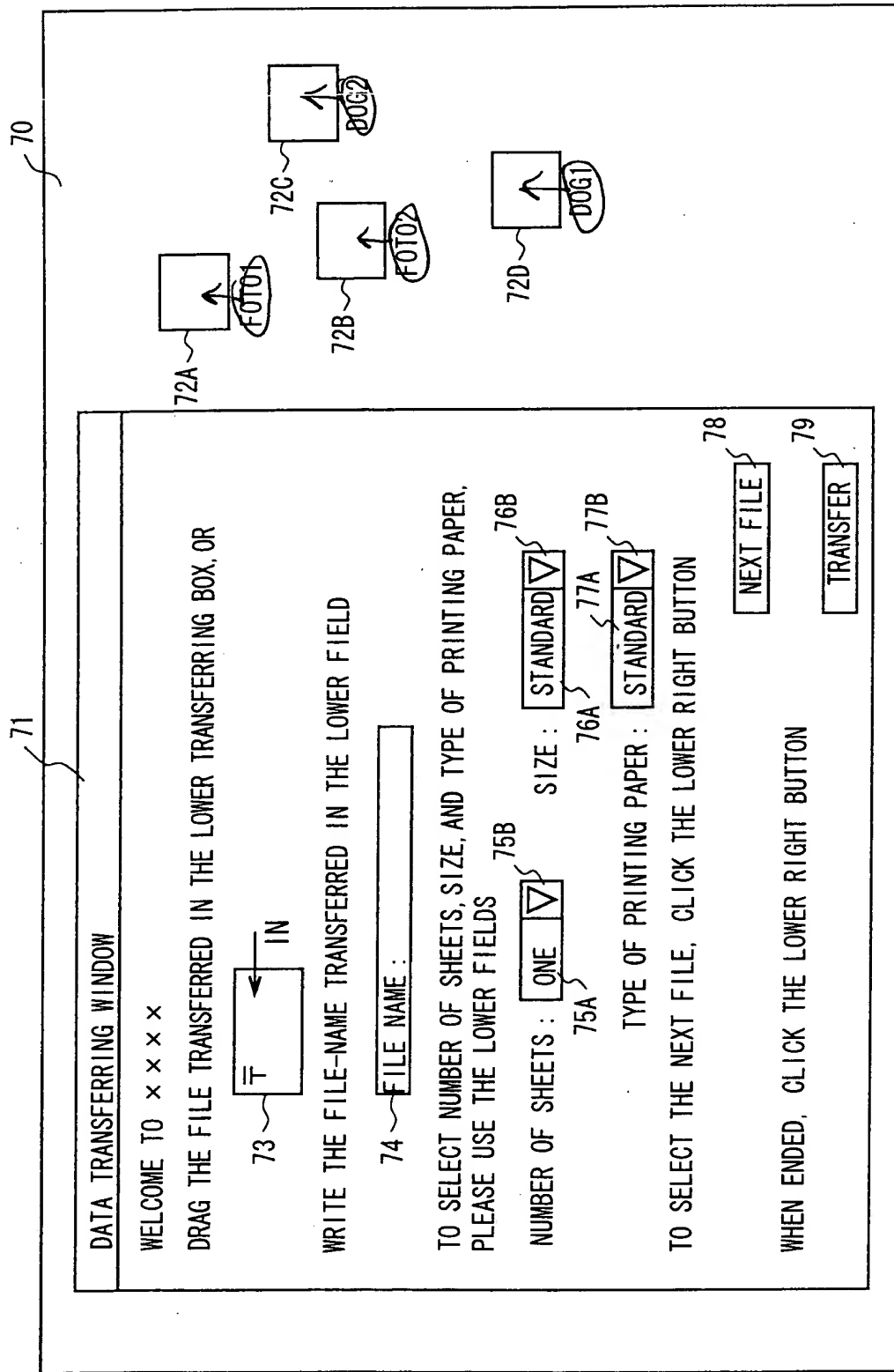


FIG.5